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OB CONFERENCE SEEMS OFF TO SOUND START. CINCPAC J2 AS CHAIR-
MAN IS TAKING FIRM, CONTROLLING ROLE. HE APPEARS TO UNDERSTAND
WASHINGTON'S PROBLEMS WELL AND HAS CALLED ON REPS TO WORK OUT
AGREED POSITIONS ON EACH AGENDA ITEM. IN ADDITION, HE PROPOSES
SPECIAL TREATMENT IN CONFERENCE REPORT OF KEY QUESTIONS SUCH AS
HANDLING AND REPORTING OF INFILTRATION STATISTICS.

MACV HAS ITS FIRST STRING TEAM HERE ON EACH OF THE AGENDA
AREAS. THEY ARE TAKING A FIRM LINE ON METHODOLOGY, BUT GENERALLY
ARE ACCEPTING MODIFICATIONS WHERE SUGGESTIONS BY OTHER AGENCIES
ARE SOUND.

IN FIRST DAY PLENARY SESSION, AFTER DIA AND J2 CINCPAC MADE
THEIR CONCERNS CLEAR, BALANCE OF TIME LARGELY DEVOTED TO BRIEFINGS
BY MACV ON METHODS AND PROCEDURES. QUESTIONS RAISED IN THIS CONTEXT
BY VARIETY OF REPS FOCUSED ON A NUMBER OF THE BASIC PROBLEMS OF
ASSESSING AND HANDLING FIGURES FOR INFILTRATION, ENEMY LOSSES AND
ENEMY POW'S.

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BY END OF SECOND DAY, COMMITTEES HAD MADE DEFINITE
PROGRESS IN DETAILED REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS.

MACV HAS PREPARED A HANDBOOK ON ITS METHODS AND PROCEDURES
AS BASIS FOR COMMITTEE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS AND WORK IS ADDRESSED
TO APPROVAL OR MODIFICATION OF THIS HANDBOOK AND TO IMPROVEMENT
OF REPORTING PROCEDURES.

STEERING COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW SUGGESTIONS AND DRAFT FINAL
REPORT AT THIS POINT IT APPEARS CONFERENCE WILL BE ABLE TO GET
A WORKABLE SOLUTION FOR AT LEAST THE MAJOR STATISTICAL PROBLEMS
FACING US.

QUESTIONS OF THE USE OF DIFFERENT DATA BETWEEN AGENCIES AND
THE FEASIBILITY OF A SINGLE AGENCY AS SOURCE FOR ALL INTEL INFOR-
MATION STATISTICS ARE ON AGENDA, BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED.
THESE CENTRAL ISSUES COULD PROVOKE CONSIDERABLE DISAGREEMENT.

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